

OBITUARY

DR G.M. STORR (1921-1990)

On 26 June one of Australia's most eminent biologists, Glen Milton Storr, passed away peacefully at his home in Perth. Although retired some four years, for Glen there was no such thing as retirement and he was, typically, preparing for another day at work in the Museum.

Glen was born in Adelaide, South Australia, on 22 December 1921. He received his primary education at Cowandilla Public School and his secondary education at Adelaide High School (obtaining the Leaving Certificate in 1938). In 1939 he joined the South Australian Lands Department as a junior draftsman and cadet surveyor. He enlisted in the A.I.F. in 1942, serving with the Second Ninth Field Regiment in Queensland and New Guinea in 1943-45.

After the war he returned to the Lands Department, passing his exams and being licensed as a Land Surveyor in 1947. A boyhood interest in natural history was rekindled during surveys in South Australia and north Queensland. A two-week holiday in north Queensland in 1948 (to escape the southern winter) turned into a year long working holiday in the Cooktown-Laura district, bird observing and plant collecting.



Figure 1. Dr G.M. Storr at the Museum 1986.

Through Herbert Condon, Curator of Birds in the South Australian Museum, he met Dr D.L. Serventy, whom he accompanied to Bass Strait in the spring of 1952 for field work on the Short-tailed Shearwater. Encouraged by Dr Serventy, Storr decided to give up surveying for a career in biology. He enrolled at the University of Western Australia in 1953 to major in zoology and botany. He was awarded B.Sc. (First Class Honours) in 1957 after research into nutrition of the Rottmest Island quokka. Continuing these investigations, he obtained his Ph.D. in 1960. After post-graduate research into the nutrition of Pilbara kangaroos, he was appointed Assistant Curator of Vertebrates (birds, reptiles, amphibians and fishes) in